

TERTIARY CHEILOSTOMATOUS BRYOZOA FROM VICTORIA

A Revised Stratigraphical Distribution

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ABSTRACT: Recent work on the geology of Southwest Victoria (Kenley and others, 1964, 1967) shows that the cheilostomatous bryozoans described by Brown (1958) came from beds now assigned to Carter's (1964) faunal units 4 and 5 (Janjukian) and 6 and 7 (Longfordian). A revised stratigraphical distribution table for Brown's species is presented and the new names Koonalunda Lens and Wilkin Beds applied to two members of the Gambier Limestone.

INTRODUCTION

Cheilostomatous Bryozoa have been described from Tertiary rocks in Victoria by several workers in the past hundred years. Most of this work has been systematic and few attempts have been made to summarize the stratigraphical distribution of cheilostomes. Etheridge's (1878) 'Synopsis' and Maplestone's (1904) more complete 'Tabulated List' both lack adequate stratigraphical control. Crespin's (1943) faunal distribution tables, whilst more exhaustive, give the fossil ranges in terms of stages rather than formations; since many of these stages now have different limits it is not easy to update these tables.

In 1958, Brown published a systematic account of the fossil cheilostomatous Bryozoa from southwest Victoria and tried to use the faunas to date the rocks. He recognized five faunas—Glenaulin Fauna, Wataepoolan Fauna, Sandford Limestone Fauna, Sample 18 Fauna and Myaring Fauna. On the basis of a quantitative comparison, he stated (Brown, 1958, p. 29): '... it appears that the Myaring faunas fall into a category distinct from that of the remaining four groups considered and, in my opinion, the polyzoan faunas of these latter are very closely related and indicate a relatively small age difference between them'.

Brown's stratigraphical conclusions were summarized as follows (p. 7): 'The faunules of the Glenaulin Clay and Wataepoolan Limestone are closely related and probably are slightly older than the Sandford Limestone of Janjukian age. The faunules of the Myaring Beds appear to be

younger and are probably of Balcombian Age'. Brown gave detailed lists of the bryozoans occurring in each sample and formation, and hence it is possible to revise the stratigraphical ranges of his species following recent increases in our knowledge of the geology of southwest Victoria. This paper presents such revised ranges and amply substantiates Brown's opinion (p. 7) . . . 'There is good evidence that the Polyzoa are of considerable value for stratigraphical correlation'.

STRATIGRAPHY

Recent geological mapping (Kenley and others, 1964, 1967) and palaeontological examination (Taylor, 1964) of the Tertiary rocks in southwest Victoria by the Geological Survey of Victoria have resulted in certain changes in the stratigraphical interpretation of the strata from which Brown's samples were obtained and have provided independent datings and correlations of the formations by means of foraminifers. The samples numbers and formations given by Brown (1958) are summarized in Table 1 and the currently adopted stratigraphic framework is given

TABLE 1

Rock Units	Sample Numbers
Glenaulin Clay	1, 2, 16, 17, 25
Wataepoolan Limestone	(3), 4, ?15, ?18, 26, (27)
Sandford Limestone	5, 6, 22, 23, 24
Myaring Beds	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, ?19, ?20, ?21.

Sample numbers in brackets represent samples which yielded no bryozoans. (Modified from Brown, 1958.)

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in Table 2. All the stratigraphical units are subdivisions of the Gambier Limestone. The current views are:

1. Brown's Glenaulin Clay samples all came from the Glenaulin Clay Member which foraminifers suggest (Taylor 1964, unpublished) is Faunal Unit 4 in age (all ages are given in terms of the foraminiferal Faunal Units of Carter, 1964).

2. The Wataepoolan Limestone 'marl' samples (3, 4 and 26; see Brown, 1958, Fig. 2, section A) came from a marl lens between the top of the Glenaulin Clay Member and the Wataepoolan Limestone Member and here called the Koonalunda Lens. Foraminiferal evidence suggests that the Koonalunda Lens is low in Faunal Unit 5.

3. The only sample from the Wataepoolan Limestone Member is Sample 27 which contains no identifiable bryozoans. On the basis of foraminifers the Member is Faunal Unit 8 in age.

4. Brown's Myaring Beds samples are now considered to come from two stratigraphical units. Samples 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 were collected from the Myaring Beds as now restricted, that is the Upper Member of the Gambier Limestone in the Glenelg Valley, and Samples 7, 8, 19, 20 and

21, together with Sample 18 (regarded as ?Wataepoolan Limestone by Brown, 1958) came from the Lower Member of the Gambier Limestone, here named the Wilkin Beds. Foraminifers indicate that the Wilkin Beds are Faunal Unit 5 in age and the Myaring Beds (s.s.) span Faunal Units 6 and 7.

5. The samples from the Sandford Limestone are unchanged, although only two (22 and 23) can be reliably dated and on foraminiferal evidence (Taylor, loc. cit.) are Faunal Unit 6 in age.

6. It is still uncertain from which formation Sample 15 came; Dr. C. Abele, on the basis of foraminifers, considers it to be Faunal Unit 5 (possibly 4) in age.

REVISED DISTRIBUTION OF CHEILOSTOMATA

With the new stratigraphical information summarized above, it is possible to re-draw Brown's (1958) Distribution Table to show the formations in which the various bryozoans occur and the age range of the species in terms of Carter's Faunal Units. Such a table has been constructed (Table 3) using only those samples that can be con-

TABLE 2

Rock-stratigraphic Unit	Sample	Victorian Tertiary Stage	Carter's (1964) Faunal Unit
Glenaulin Clay Member	25, 16, 17 1, 2.	Janjukian	4
Koonalunda Lens	26, (3), 4.	Janjukian	5
Wilkin Beds - Dartmoor area	21, 18, 19, 20.	Janjukian	5
Myaring area	7, 8.	Janjukian	5
Myaring Beds	9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 13.	Longfordian	6
		Longfordian	7
Sandford Limestone - Red Cap Creek area	22, 23.	Longfordian	6
Sandford area	-	-	-
Wataepoolan Limestone Member	(27)	Longfordian	8

Note: Sample numbers are listed in ascending stratigraphical order; numbers in brackets represent samples which yielded no bryozoans. Samples 24 (Sandford Limestone, Red Cap Creek area), 5 & 6 (Sandford Limestone, Sandford area) and 15 (uncertain origin) have been omitted from table, since they cannot be reliably dated.

TABLE 3

REVISED DISTRIBUTION OF CHEILOSTOMATA FROM SOUTH-WEST VICTORIA

Formations: G = Glenaulin Clay Members; K = Koonalunda Lens; W = Wilkin Beds;
S = Sandford Limestone Members; M = Myaring Beds
Faunal Units of Carter 1964: 4 and 5 = Janjukian; 6 and 7 = Longfordian

Nos. #		G	K	W	S	M.	4	5	6	7
24	<u>Odontionella bullata</u> Brown	*					*			
32	<u>Chaperia?</u> sp. nov. Brown	*					*			
33	<u>Onychocella</u> sp.	*					*			
45	<u>Lunulites parvicella</u> (Woods)	*					*			
64	<u>Cellaria grandis</u> Maplestone	*					*			
71	<u>Cellaria stachi</u> Brown	*					*			
78	<u>Menipea biaviculata</u> Maplestone	*					*			
87	<u>Figularia kenleyi</u> Brown	*					*			
103	<u>Gigantopora</u> sp.	*					*			
137	<u>Bulbipora areolata</u> MacGillivray	*					*			
145	<u>Escharoides erecta</u> Canu & Bassler	*					*			
147	<u>Bathosella bulbosa</u> Canu & Bassler	*					*			
160	<u>Smittina cribraria</u> (MacGillivray)	*					*			
166	<u>Smittina</u> sp.	*					*			
187	<u>Adeonellopsis glenaulinensis</u> Brown	*					*			
201	' <u>Cellepora</u> ' sp. 1	*					*			
7	' <u>Membranipora</u> ' <u>longipes</u> Maplestone	*	*				*	*		
10	' <u>Membranipora</u> ' <u>crespiniae</u> Brown	*	*				*	*		
56	<u>Crateropora inconspicua</u> Brown	*	*				*	*		
67	<u>Cellaria dennanti</u> MacGillivray	*	*				*	*		
100	<u>Bimicroporella watersi</u> Brown	*	*				*	*		
106	<u>Arthropoma torquis</u> Brown	*	*				*	*		
121	' <u>Schizoporella</u> ' <u>parvisinuata</u> Brown	*	*				*	*		
130	<u>Hippoporina incomposita</u> Brown	*	*				*	*		
138	<u>Myriapora operculata</u> (Canu & Bassler)	*	*				*	*		
156	<u>Palmicellaria otwayensis</u> (Maplestone)	*	*				*	*		
18	<u>Glenelgia crawfordensis</u> Brown	*	*	*			*	*		
52	<u>Aspidostoma airense</u> Maplestone	*	*	*			*	*		
54	<u>Crateropora patula</u> (Waters)	*	*	*			*	*		
89	<u>Cribrilaria radiata</u> (Moll)	*	*	*			*	*		
101	<u>Gigantopora tuberculosa</u> (Maplestone)	*	*	*			*	*		
146	<u>Escharoides osburni</u> Brown	*	*	*			*	*		
169	<u>Escharella elongata</u> (Canu & Bassler)	*	*	*			*	*		
176	' <u>Retepora</u> ' <u>tridentata</u> Brown	*	*	*			*	*		
68	<u>Cellaria cucullata</u> MacGillivray	*		*			*	*		
2	<u>Biflustra regularis</u> (Maplestone)	*	*	*	*		*	*		
6	' <u>Vincularia</u> ' <u>gigantea</u> Canu & Bassler	*	*	*	*		*	*		
22	<u>Foveolaria thomasi</u> Brown	*	*	*	*		*	*		
155	<u>Palmicellaria quadrifrons</u> Maplestone	*	*	*	*		*	*		
157	<u>Palmicellaria ornata</u> Brown	*	*	*	*		*	*		

Brown, 1958.

Note: No 201 (line 16). For 'Cellepora' sp. 1 read 'Cellepora' sp. 1.

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Nos. #		G	K	W	S	M	4	5	6	7
202	<u>Lekythopora hystrix</u> MacGillivray	?		?			?	?		
98	<u>Porina gracilis</u> var. <u>tubulifera</u> (MacGillivray)	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*
105	<u>Chiastoseella conservata</u> (Waters)	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*
132	<u>Trigonopora vermicularis</u> Maplestone	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*
144	<u>Escharoides duplicata</u> (Waters)	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*
84	<u>Cribrilina hebetata</u> (Waters)	*	*		*		*	*	*	*
91	<u>Corbulipora ornata</u> MacGillivray	*	*		*		*	*	*	*
114	' <u>Schizoporella</u> ' <u>orbiculifera</u> Canu & Bassler	*	*		*		*	*	*	*
36	<u>Oziva concamerata</u> Waters	*	*	*	*	?	*	*	*	*
93	<u>Corbulipora cornuta</u> (MacGillivray)	*				*	*			
183	<u>Adeonellopsis sulcata</u> (Milne Edwards)	*				*	*			*
153	<u>Porella otwayensis</u> Maplestone	*			*		*			*
15	<u>Ellisina profunda</u> (MacGillivray)	*		*		?	*	*	?	?
111	<u>Tetraplaria australis</u> Woods var.	*	*	*	?		*	*	*	*
1	<u>Tretosina arcifera</u> Canu * Bassler	?		*		*	?	*	*	*
83	<u>Arachnopusia unicornis</u> (Hutton)	?				*	?			*
73	<u>Melicerita angustiloba</u> Woods	*		*		*	*	*	*	*
136	<u>Cucullipora tetrasticha</u> MacGillivray	*		*		*	*	*	*	*
148	<u>Petraliella biincisa</u> (Waters)	*		*		*	*	*	*	*
21	<u>Foveolaria curdiensis</u> Brown	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
74	<u>Acerinucleus incudiferus</u> (Maplestone)	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
51	<u>Selenaria cupola</u> var. <u>spiralis</u> (Chapman)	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*
59	<u>Cellaria bicornis</u> (Busk)	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*
25	<u>Ramphonotus lusorius</u> (Waters)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
60	<u>Cellaria contigua</u> MacGillivray	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
79	<u>Arachnopusia liversidgei</u> (Woods)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
97	<u>Porina gracilis</u> var. <u>vertebralis</u> (Stoliczka)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
99	<u>Didymosella larvalis</u> (MacGillivray)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
126	<u>Hippoporina burlingtoniensis</u> (Waters)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
167	<u>Smittinella tatei</u> (Woods)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
184	<u>Adeonellopsis varraensis</u> (Waters)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
186	<u>Adeonellopsis symmetrica</u> (Waters)	*	?	*		*	*	*	*	*
66	<u>Cellaria rigida</u> var. <u>per ampla</u> (Waters)	*	*		?	*	*	*	?	*
35	<u>Aechmella ambigua</u> (MacGillivray)	*		?		*	*	?	*	*
20	<u>Crassimarginatella sculpta</u> (MacGillivray)	*		*		*	*	*		*
172	<u>Tubitrabecularia elevata</u> (Woods)	*		*		*	*	*		*
159	<u>Smittina ordinata</u> (MacGillivray)	*	*		*	*	*	*		*
58	<u>Cellaria australis</u> (MacGillivray)	*	*	*	*	?	*	*		?
5	' <u>Amphiblestrum</u> ' <u>planulatum</u> Maplestone		*					*		
8	' <u>Membranipora</u> ' <u>ancarteri</u> Brown		*					*		

‡ Brown, 1958.

Note: No. 1 (line 15). For Canu* Bassler read Canu & Bassler.

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Nos. #		G	K	W	S	M	4	5	6	7
9	' <u>Membranipora</u> ' <u>ancarteri</u> Brown		*					*		
11	' <u>Membranipora</u> ' <u>striata</u> MacGillivray		*					*		
16	<u>Ellisina</u> aff. <u>incrustans</u> (Waters)		*					*		
39	<u>Micropora</u> <u>elegans</u> Maplestone		*					*		
42	<u>Macropora</u> <u>cribrilifera</u> Maplestone		*					*		
70	<u>Cellaria</u> <u>mitrata</u> Brown		*					*		
77	<u>Menipea</u> <u>retroversa</u> Maplestone		*					*		
86	<u>Reginella</u> <u>maplestonei</u> Brown		*					*		
88	<u>Figularia</u> sp.		*					*		
118	' <u>Schizoporella</u> ' aff. <u>tenuilamellosa</u> Canu & Bassler		*					*		
124	<u>Microporella</u> <u>ciliata</u> (Pallas) var.		*					*		
129	<u>Hippoporina</u> aff. <u>bairnsdalei</u> (Waters)		*					*		
143	<u>Plagiosmittia</u> <u>australis</u> Brown		*					*		
164	<u>Smittina</u> <u>rogickae</u> Brown		*					*		
165	<u>Smittina</u> aff. <u>lateralis</u> (MacGillivray)		*					*		
168	<u>Smittinella</u> <u>wataepoolanensis</u> Brown		*					*		
189	<u>Anarthropora</u> <u>voighti</u> Brown		*					*		
191	<u>Vittaticella</u> <u>grandis</u> (Maplestone)		*					*		
14	<u>Ellisina</u> <u>gregsoni</u> (MacGillivray)		*	*				*		
19	<u>Callopora</u> <u>monilifera</u> (Maplestone)		*	*				*		
65	<u>Cellaria</u> <u>biaperta</u> Maplestone		*	*				*		
119	' <u>Schizoporella</u> ' <u>baini</u> Brown		*	*				*		
131	<u>Hippomenella</u> <u>magna</u> Canu & Bassler		*	*				*		
154	<u>Porella</u> <u>rogeri</u> Brown		*	*				*		
162	<u>Smittina</u> <u>uttleyi</u> Brown		*	*				*		
177	' <u>Retepora</u> ' <u>dartmoorensis</u> Brown		*	*				*		
200	<u>Holoporella</u> <u>tridenticulata</u> (Busk)		*		*			*		
28	<u>Hiantopora</u> aff. <u>radicifera</u> (Hincks)			*				*		
46	<u>Lanulites</u> <u>adunca</u> Brown			*				*		
108	<u>Gemellipora</u> <u>auriculata</u> Maplestone			*				*		
133	<u>Trigonopora</u> <u>personata</u> (Maplestone)			*				*		
135	<u>Emballotheca</u> <u>angustata</u> Canu & Bassler			*				*		
152	<u>Porella</u> <u>rhomboidalis</u> Maplestone			*				*		
170	<u>Marguetta?</u> <u>geminata</u> Brown			*				*		
194	<u>Stenostomaria</u> <u>solida</u> (Waters)			*				*		
196	<u>Catenicella</u> <u>tenuis</u> MacGillivray			*				*		
197	<u>Catenicella</u> cf. <u>cribriformis</u> Waters			*				*		
142	' <u>Lepralia</u> ' sp.			*				*		
163	<u>Smittina</u> <u>inarmata</u> Brown			*	*			*		
3	<u>Biflustra</u> <u>delta</u> Brown		*		*			*	*	

Brown, 1958.

Note: No. 9 (line 1). For 'Membranipora' ancarteri Brown read 'Membranipora' pegma Brown.No. 46 (line 29). For Lanulites adunca Brown read Lunulites adunca Brown.

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Nos. #		G	K	W	S	M	4	5	6	7
161	<u>Smittina eagar</u> Brown		*		*			*	*	
13	<u>Hincksina geminata</u> (Waters)		*	*	*			*	*	
149	<u>Discopora vultur</u> (Hincks)		*	*	*	*		*	*	
81	<u>Arachnopusia terminata</u> (Waters)		*		?	*		*	*	
55	<u>Crateropora ordinata</u> (Waters)			*	*			*	*	
43	<u>Lunulites rutella</u> Woods			*		*		*	*	
72	<u>Cellaria veteripontis</u> Brown			*		*		*	*	
181	' <u>Retepora</u> ' sp. 3			*		*		*	*	
182	<u>Adeona? armata</u> (Waters)			*		*		*	*	
188	<u>Bracebridgia emendata</u> (Waters)			*		*		*	*	
96	<u>Porina gracilis</u> (Lamarck)			*	*	*		*	*	
17	<u>Caleschara denticulata</u> (MacGillivray)			*		*		*	*	*
34	<u>Aechmella depressa</u> (MacGillivray)			*		*		*	*	*
69	<u>Cellaria myaringensis</u> Brown			*		*		*	*	*
116	' <u>Schizoporella</u> ' <u>submersa</u> Waters			*		*		*	*	*
185	<u>Adeonellopsis obliqua</u> (MacGillivray)			*		*		*	*	*
30	<u>Chaperia cylindrififormis</u> (Waters)			*	*	*		*	*	*
38	<u>Steganoporella haddoni</u> Harmer		*			*		*	*	*
192	<u>Vittaticella aff. insignis</u> (MacGillivray)		*			*		*	*	*
120	' <u>Schizoporella</u> ' <u>suffugium</u> Brown			*		*		*	*	*
140	' <u>Lepralia</u> ' <u>rotunda</u> (Waters)			*		*		*		*
104	<u>Chiastosella daedala</u> (MacGillivray)		?			*		?		*
75	<u>Caberea grandis</u> Hincks			?		*		?	*	*
94	<u>Corbulipora pennata</u> Brown				*			*	*	
113	<u>Lacerna ovalis</u> (Maplestone)				*			*	*	
122	' <u>Schizoporella</u> ' <u>roberti</u> Brown				*				*	
123	' <u>Schizoporella</u> ' <u>sinudentata</u> Brown				*				*	
128	<u>Hippoporina aff. elongata</u> (MacGillivray)				*				*	
173	<u>Sertella mucronata</u> (Waters)				*				*	
174	<u>Sertella nangeelaensis</u> Brown				*				*	
178	' <u>Retepora</u> ' <u>incisura</u> Brown				*				*	
179	' <u>Retepora</u> ' sp. 1				*				*	
180	' <u>Retepora</u> ' sp. 2				*				*	
190	<u>Vittaticella enormis</u> (Maplestone)				*				*	
195	<u>Ditaxipora internodia</u> (Waters)				*				*	
198	<u>Sphaeropora fossa</u> Haswell				*				*	
4	<u>Conopeum?</u> sp.				*					
12	' <u>Membranipora</u> ' sp.				*					
23	<u>Odontionella aff. cyclops</u> (Busk)				*					
53	<u>Aspidostoma cavatum</u> (Waters)				*					

Brown, 1958.

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Nos. #		G	K	W	S	M	4	5	6	7
117	'Schizoporella' <u>filiformis</u> Waters				?	*			*	
29	<u>Chaperia acanthina</u> (Lamouroux)					*			*	
40	'Micropora' <u>carinata</u> Maplestone					*			*	
57	<u>Crateropora</u> sp.					*			*	
62	<u>Cellaria robusta</u> Maplestone					*			*	
85	<u>Cribrilina jonesi</u> Brown					*			*	
102	<u>Gigantopora cribraria</u> (MacGillivray)					*			*	
112	<u>Tetraplaria pedunculata</u> (MacGillivray)					*			*	
175	'Retepora' <u>rimata</u> Waters				*	*			*	*
115	'Schizoporella' <u>macgillivrayi</u> Canu & Bassler				?	*			*	*
47	<u>Selenaria maculata</u> (Busk)					*			*	*
49	<u>Selenaria grandicella</u> Canu & Bassler					*			*	*
80	<u>Arachnopusia liversidgei</u> var. <u>perforata</u> (Waters)					*			*	*
92	<u>Corbulipora elevata</u> (MacGillivray)					*			*	*
109	<u>Gemellipora polita</u> MacGillivray					*			*	*
158	<u>Palmicellaria microporoides</u> Brown					*			*	*
37	<u>Ogiva elongata</u> (Canu & Bassler)				?	*			*	*
26	<u>Nellia oculata</u> Busk					*			*	*
27	<u>Hiantopora intermedia</u> (Kirkpatrick)					*			*	*
31	<u>Chaperia</u> aff. <u>multifida</u> (Busk)					*			*	*
41	<u>Macropora crassatina</u> (Waters)					*			*	*
44	<u>Lunulites canaliculata</u> MacGillivray					*			*	*
48	<u>Selenaria magnipunctata</u> Maplestone					*			*	*
50	<u>Selenaria macgillivrayi</u> var. <u>lucens</u> (MacGillivray)					*			*	*
61	<u>Cellaria enormis</u> Maplestone					*			*	*
63	<u>Cellaria tumida</u> Maplestone					*			*	*
76	<u>Canda fossilis</u> Waters					*			*	*
82	<u>Arachnopusia terminata</u> var. <u>coronata</u> (Canu & Bassler)					*			*	*
90	<u>Acanthocella tubulifera</u> (Hincks)					*			*	*
95	<u>Corbulipora</u> aff. <u>ampulla</u> Maplestone					*			*	*
107	<u>Schizomavella</u> cf. <u>auriculata</u> (Hassall)					*			*	*
110	<u>Tetraplaria australis</u> Woods					*			*	*
125	<u>Hippoporina pertusa</u> (Esper)					*			*	*
127	<u>Hippoporina praetexta</u> (Canu & Bassler)					*			*	*
134	<u>Trigonopora plana</u> Brown					*			*	*
139	'Lepralia' <u>bisinuata</u> Maplestone					*			*	*
141	'Lepralia' <u>orimagna</u> Brown					*			*	*
150	<u>Discopora vultur</u> var. <u>aviculifera</u> (Canu & Bassler)					*			*	*
151	<u>Porella marsupium</u> (MacGillivray)					*			*	*
171	<u>Tubucellaria cereoides</u> (Ellis & Solander)					*			*	*
193	<u>Strophipora harveyi</u> (Wyville-Thomson)					*			*	*
199	<u>Conescharellina cancellata</u> (Busk)					*			*	*

Brown, 1958.

fidently assigned to either a particular formation or Faunal Unit (i.e. all except Sample 15).

Using the ranges of the bryozoans given in Table 3, it is possible to suggest an age for the doubtful samples 5, 6, 24 and 15 (footnote, Table 2).

Sample 15 is probably Faunal Unit 5

Sample 24 is probably Faunal Unit 5

Sample 5 is probably Faunal Unit 5

Sample 6 is either Faunal Unit 4 or 5.

Table 3 shows that the formations are Janjukian and Longfordian in age. Further work on bryozoan faunas is needed to extend the distribution table to cover pre-Janjukian and post-Longfordian strata. A start has been made on this by Cockbain (1969) who gave a list of late Eocene and early Miocene species of Cheilostomata occurring in the south of Western Australia.

QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS OF DISTRIBUTION TABLE

Brown (1958) compared his five faunas statistically, and it is instructive to perform a similar analysis on the revised data. Several methods of comparing the degree of resemblance between

two faunas have been reviewed by Simpson (1960). His preferred method is here called the Simpson faunal correlation coefficient and is calculated as follows:

$$C_s = \frac{C}{N_1}$$

where C_s is the Simpson faunal correlation coefficient ($0.0 < C_s < 1.0$), C is the number of species in common between two faunas, N_1 is the fauna with the smaller number of species.

Brown's figures are given in his Table 2 where the highest figure for each pair of faunas is the Simpson faunal correlation coefficient expressed as a percentage. Calculations based on the revised data are given in Table 4A herein. From this table it will be seen that the Myaring Beds (s.s.) still have a low faunal correlation coefficient with the other stratigraphical units and this is in part a reflection of the high number (49%) of species restricted to the unit. The highest faunal correlation coefficient is between the Glenaulin Clay Member and the Koonalunda Lens ($C_s = 0.60$) which is the same as the percentage of correspondence between the Glenaulin Fauna and the Wataepoolan Fauna of Brown (1958).

TABLE 4
SIMPSON FAUNAL CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS FOR FORMATIONS (A) AND FAUNAL UNITS (B)

FORMATIONS	4A				
	Glenaulin Clay Member	Koonalunda Lens	Myaring Beds	Wilkin Beds	Sandford Limestone Member
Glenaulin Clay Member	75 (20%)				
Koonalunda Lens	0.60 (45)	81 (25%)			
Myaring Beds	0.31 (23)	0.20 (16)	87 (49%)		
Wilkin Beds	0.53 (40)	0.52 (30)	0.44 (34)	77 (14%)	
Sandford Limestone Member	0.48 (26)	0.52 (28)	0.28 (15)	0.50 (27)	54 (31%)

FAUNAL UNITS	4B			
	4	5	6	7
4	75 (20%)			
5	0.73 (55)	119 (34%)		
6	0.37 (28)	0.55 (43)	78 (28%)	
7	0.31 (21)	0.45 (30)	0.48 (32)	67 (40%)

75 = number of species in unit; 0.60 = Simpson faunal correlation coefficient;
(20%) = percentage of species restricted to unit; (45) = number of species in common.

Simpson faunal correlation coefficients may also be calculated for the four Faunal Units into which the formations are placed and this has been done in Table 4B. This table shows, as would be expected, that adjacent Faunal Units more closely resemble one another than do widely separated ones. On the other hand over half the species occur in only one Faunal Unit:

- 105 species (54%) occur in 1 Faunal Unit
- 56 species (29%) occur in 2 Faunal Units
- 19 species (9%) occur in 3 Faunal Units
- 16 species (8%) occur in 4 Faunal Units

This exclusiveness would suggest that cheilostomatous bryozoans are potentially useful biostratigraphically.

Brown's quantitative analysis of his faunas enabled him to correlate and suggest an age for the fossiliferous samples. However, a comparison of Tables 4A and B shows that faunal correlation coefficients must be treated with reserve because faunas of the same age (for example, Wilkin Beds and Koonalunda Lens with Cs of 0.52) may have a lower faunal correlation coefficient than successive Faunal Units (for example, Faunal Units 4 and 5 with Cs of 0.73).

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